

# GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

## Press Release

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### **GA DOT BEGINS WORK TO REPLACE FLOOD-DAMAGED BRIDGES IN SANDY SPRINGS**

ATLANTA – The Georgia Department of Transportation expects to reopen two local system bridges damaged during September flooding next spring. The affected bridges are located on Peachtree-Dunwoody Road over Nancy Creek and Riverside Drive across Marsh Creek in Sandy Springs.

The contract to replace the Peachtree-Dunwoody Road bridge was awarded to Massana Construction, Inc. of Tyrone for \$1 million. The contract to replace the Riverside Drive Bridge was awarded to Tidwell Construction Company of Douglasville for \$872,000. Both bridges are scheduled to be completed by March 23, 2010.

Representatives from the contractors and utility companies met with Department officials Tuesday to discuss scheduling, traffic control and utility relocation. If the replacements can be completed within six months, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) emergency relief funds will cover the entire cost of both projects.

In addition to the two Sandy Springs bridges, Georgia DOT also plans a quick replacement of the State Route 166 bridge spanning Anneewakee Creek in Douglas County and the Redan Road bridge over Barbashela Creek in DeKalb County. Both projects were awarded in October, will be paid for using federal emergency relief funds and must be completed by the end of March.

Georgia DOT urges travelers to call 511 for updated information about flood-related road and bridge closures, or any other construction project on interstates and state routes. Georgia 511 is a free phone service that provides real-time traffic and travel information statewide, such as traffic conditions, incidents, lane closures, and delays due to inclement weather. Callers also can transfer to operators to request assistance or report incidents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. More information is available at [www.511ga.org](http://www.511ga.org).

The Georgia Department of Transportation is committed to providing a safe, seamless and sustainable transportation system that supports Georgia's economy and is sensitive to both its citizens and its environment. Additional transportation revenues are imperative to grow and sustain Georgia's economic vitality and quality of life through the 21st Century. Georgia is the 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest-growing state in the nation, yet 49<sup>th</sup> in per capita spending on transportation. For general information on the Georgia DOT, please visit our Web site ([www.dot.ga.gov](http://www.dot.ga.gov)).